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**PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 is the patent application of:

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**FOR: Medical Binocular Stereomicroscope**

Enclosed are:

- ☒ Four (4) Sheets of drawings.
- ☐ An Assignment of the invention to: MANI, Inc.
- ☐ A certified copy of the Japanese priority application No. 2000-399764 filed December 28, 2000.
- ☐ An associate power of attorney.
- ☒ This entity qualifies for small-entity status under 37 CFR § 1.9 and 1.27.
- ☐ A Preliminary Amendment.
- ☒ A Notice of Informal Filing of New Patent Application.

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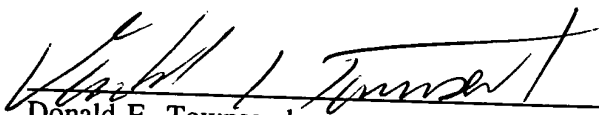
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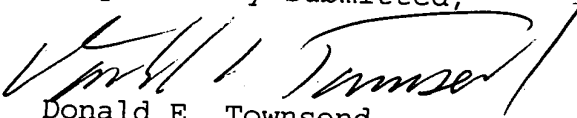
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Sir:

The undersigned has been authorized by the Applicants, Norio KANEKO, Toshiyuki TAKASE, and Kanji MATSUTANI, to file the enclosed patent application, and to defer filing of the Declaration/Power of Attorney.

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